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Sir:

In response to our phone conversation on 06/11/03, I have included in this response the following:

1. Response to matter about the claims having reference to the specification.
2. Request to cancel claims 11-14, and substitute claims 15-23.
3. Amended claims.
4. Clean copy of amended claims.
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Very respectfully,

*Thomas C. Thompson*

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**RESPONSE**

1. **Claims don't have reference to the specification.** The applicant noticed that some of the names used in the claims do not match the referenced nomenclature in the specification and drawings. The applicant has amended claims 1-10, such as the "top web" has been changed to "blocking web" as used in the specification. Other words used in the claims have been tracked in the specification. The "retrofits" from claim 1, line 1, is listed in the specification on page 17, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph. The "acute angle" from claim 1, is listed in the specification on page 19, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, and page 27, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph. The "buttress" from claim 6 is listed in the specification on page 20, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, and page 29, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph.
2. Claims 1-10 read on figures 1-4. Claims 11-14 read on the embodiment shown on figures 5-6. The applicant respectfully requests that the examiner enter amended claims 1-10. The amended claims should now be technically correct. Claims 11-14 would take too much amending to be read by the examiner. The applicant respectfully requests that the examiner cancel claims 11-14, and substitute claims 15-23. No new matter is being entered in these claims. Claim 15 is the same as claim 1, but adds the sheathing tabs, strengthening tabs, and roof plate. Claims 16-20 are the same as claims 6-9, but with correct language for the embodiment. Claims 21-23 state how the added tabs tie down the roof.

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Very Respectfully,

  
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